



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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To: All Interested Parties

PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

On behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is soliciting comments regarding impaired water quality conditions in surface waters of the San Francisco Bay Region. The state is required to identify a list of impaired water bodies requiring water quality-based controls, or Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The TMDL will evaluate controls for waters tributary to the 303(d) listed water body as well as the 303(d) listed water body.

The Regional Board will consider public comments and provide recommended Section 303(d) list changes to the SWRCB. Changes are being proposed to the 1998 303(d) list. The SWRCB will review recommendations from all the Regional Boards. The SWRCB will hold a public hearing and consider public comments; finalize the 303(d) list; and transmit the list to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The 303(d) list update includes additions to water bodies and pollutants; removal of water bodies and pollutants, if standards are attained; and changes to the descriptions of water bodies currently listed.

On March 2, 2001, the Regional Board solicited information from the public to consider for the 303(d) list. This letter is shown as Attachment A to the staff report. The public was requested to provide information by May 15, 2001. The Regional Board is only accepting comments regarding proposed changes to the 303(d) list identified in Attachment B and is not collecting additional information.

The Regional Board will consider allowing the Executive Officer to transmit the recommended changes to the SWRCB on:

Date: **November 28, 2001**
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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The draft staff report and attachments are available on the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb2>, and hardcopy is available to pick up at the above address on the 14th floor. We appreciate any comments you have, preferably in writing, by **October 15, 2001**. Your timely submittal will allow staff to analyze your comments and the Regional Board to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on November 28, 2001. Staff will prepare a summary of responses to comments for the November 28, 2001 Board meeting. Depending on the comments received, Regional Board staff may conduct a workshop between October 31 and November 14, 2001.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>.